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The Daily Press.
 Hongkong, May 29th, 1900.

The last English mail brought the Report on the Foreign Trade of Japan for 1899 compiled by Mr. A. H. Lay and published by the Foreign Office. The Report shows all the usual fulness and care and derives additional importance this year as reviewing a totally new set of conditions in Japanese commerce. With January 1, 1899 the new custom tariff came into operation with its higher rate of duties on imports, while in July of the same year all duties on exports were done away with. Of course, as Mr. Lay says in his introductory paragraph, 1899 being the initial year of the new system, it is as yet impossible to predict with any approach to accuracy what the result of the change will be. But they would certainly appear to be great opportunities for the development of foreign trade. At the same time, Japan is not a new country, and although foreign firms are establishing branches in several places throughout the country, such as Nagoya, and the ubiquitous Chinaman is to be found peddling his wares in many of the inland towns, it is probable that trade will remain largely in its old channels for some time to come, and that the chief centre of foreign trade hitherto existing will not lose their importance. Few foreigners have left the old treaty ports for the interior, and it must be many years before there will be sufficient inducement for such a radical change. So far the opening of the country has had little, if any, effect upon the foreign trade of Japan. During the early months of the year trade conditions

were abnormal; in January and February indeed the value of goods imported was less than during any two months since 1896, and exports exceeded imports by no less than £20,362. But it must be remembered that a very large quantity of goods passed into Japan toward the end of 1898, so as to take advantage of the oil tariff. In March, 1899, a change came about, and exports, which reached a high figure in January and February, fell off and showed increasingly less value than imports. In the latter half of the year the amount of foreign commerce so increased, both on the import and on the export sides, that the highest figures since the opening of Japan to foreign trade were reached—with the exception of 1893. As compared with that year of unusual conditions, 1899 showed a decrease of £5,829,952 in imports, but an increase of £5,029,066 in exports; and yet at the end of December, 1899, imports had again exceeded exports as in the past few years.

As causes for the decline of importation Mr. Lay gives, besides the accumulation of stocks at the end of 1898, the higher prices obtained in foreign markets for many of the principal manufactures and natural products required by Japan, higher freights, the development of home industries, and the diminution in the rice import consequent on the plentiful crop of 1898 having supplied Japanese domestic wants. But the importation of raw material on the whole showed a considerable growth, especially in the raw cotton and wool trade. Mr. Lay does not disguise the danger threatened to the Lancashire mills by the growth of Japanese competition—a growth which is only a matter of time. The importation of Egyptian and American cottons for manufacture in Japan is assuming proportions which the English cotton-spinners may well view with alarm. The Indian cotton imports showed a large increase, but the tendency is nevertheless for the American to supplant the Indian product. Much the same is the case with wool as with cotton. The import of woollen manufactures fell off in 1899, and the Japanese factories are increasing in number and size. But leaving the individual branches of the import trade, we may look now at Mr. Lay's summing up of the general import trade. "The year 1899," he says, "was the most profitable one to importers for many years, and the extraordinary rise in values, which extended to most branches of the import trade, helped to compensate manufacturers for the preceding years, when things were not so favourable. 1900 gives promise of being equally satisfactory from the point of view of the importer, as the absence of large stocks allows him to entertain the hope that any fall in price which may take place in home markets will be followed but slowly in Japan. On the other hand, caution is compelled by the fact that in prosperous times the Japanese dealer has a proneness to purchase excessive stocks, while he is apt to leave goods ordered by him in the warehouses of importers at their entire charge when the market turns out to be unfavourable to him."

With regard to exports the steady expansion of this trade since 1868 has continued. In fact, in no previous year have such high figures been reached as in 1899, the figures of 1898, as we mentioned above, being beaten by more than £5,000,000. "The principal cause of the satisfactory condition of the volume of exports," says the *Editor*, "is in the revival in the raw silk trade, the greatest activity of the cotton spinning and manufacturing industry as evidenced by the large quantity of yarn and cotton tissues sent out of the country, and the exceptional rice harvest of 1898-99, which provided a considerable surplus of export. The other articles which mainly contributed to the increased exportation were silk tissues, camphor, copper, sulphur, and timber. Exports of tea, matches, nuts, and charcoal were more or less satisfactory."

In connection with the export trade we may look at what Mr. Lay has to say on Japanese trade with China: and with this quotation we must conclude a very inadequate notice of a most painstaking and interesting review of Japan's commercial progress in 1899. "China," says Mr. Lay, "as a field for Japanese trade is more and more attracting the attention of the statesmen and merchants of Japan. Trade between the two countries has increased with rapidity since the war. The Mitsui & Bussan Kaisha sent ten students across to the Continent to study questions connected with Chinese trade and the commercial conditions prevailing there, and is sending me more this year. And there are many other indications of the intention of the Japanese to make commercial profit out of the opening up of the neighbouring Empire. Exports to China during 1899 were much larger than during 1898. Almost twice as much cotton yarn was exported—twine, and cotton tissues, matches, European umbrellas, seaweeds, mushrooms, and coal all show an increase of no small extent."

On Sunday night an old woman residing in U Lok Lane fell down a smoke-hole and was killed.

The number of visitors to the City Hall Library last week included 311 non-Chinese and 92 Chinese; to the Museum, 153 non-Chinese and 1,305 Chinese.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherdale Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:

Morning-side, steamer *Edinburgh* \$81.27
 J. Bassett..... 5.00

The plague cases for the week ending 26th May were 89 (45 in Victoria, 44 outside) and the deaths 82. There was one case of enteric fever in the harbour, and one case of small-pox in the town, neither fatal. From noon of the 25th to noon of the 29th, there were 23 cases of plague and 27 deaths reported.

The other day a woman reported at No. 7 Police Station, West Point, that she had lost her adopted daughter. A search was instituted, with the result that it was found that the girl had been taken away by two men. These men were traced to a brothel, where they were arrested. The girl was found secreted in an adjoining room.

The death was reported yesterday of "Staff-Captain" Symons, a most energetic member of the Salvation Army, which took place at the Government Civil Hospital on Friday, the deceased being buried in the Happy Valley on Saturday, and of Lut Cheong, comprador to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company and a prominent member of the Chinese Commercial Community who succumbed on Saturday to an attack of plague.

At the Magistracy yesterday five men were charged with being concerned in an armed robbery at Kowloon Chai on Saturday night. They and three others, all being armed with revolvers, broke into a house, and having terrified the inmates into silence ransacked the house, ultimately decamping with money, jewelry and clothing of the value of \$837. A report was made to the police, who arrested the prisoners the same day at Lo Ko Wan with some of the stolen property in their possession. The case was adjourned.

At the offices of the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon Mr. G. J. W. King offered for public competition six lots of Crown land at Mong Kok, Tsim, Kowloon. There was a fair amount of competition. Lot 1073 was sold for \$10,935 (upset \$10,067); lot 1077 was bought for \$7,650 (upset \$6,275); lots 1078 and 1079 were bought for \$7,290 and \$9,630 respectively (upset \$4,340 and \$4,340). Lot 1090 fetched \$4,540 (upset \$2,703), and lot 1,082 \$5,220 (upset \$2,707). All the purchasers were Chinese.

King Oscar, of Sweden and Norway, who is now visiting England, has authorised the new London *Advertiser* to publish the following:—"Tell Great Britain that my sympathies and hopes are with you, and I believe that the Empire will derive good out of evil. A good thing has already sprung from the reverses in South Africa—namely, the magnificent support given by the colonies to the mother-country, and the splendid fighting of the colonists, which proves that you are good colonisers, and also proves the justice of your cause."

Under the head of Revenues and Expenditure, the Registrar General says in his report for 1899—"The revenue collected during the year amounted to \$13,249,65 as against \$12,301,733 collected in 1898. Of the total increase of \$7,637.92, the sum of \$6,133.30 is derived from the Markets. The latter increase comes principally from the Central, Western and Tsing-tin Markets, and is due to the increased rate obtained from stalls which were put up to tender being given up by their holders. \$94,933 of the increase is due to the opening of a market at Taikotsui. There are small increases under most of the other headings of revenue. The increase of Certificates of Identity issued to Chinese proceeding to the United States of America accounts for the principal increase of \$1,425. This increase was anticipated by the Acting Registrar General Mr. Brown in his report for 1898. It is difficult to estimate in advance the revenue to be derived from this uncertain source, but it is not likely that there will be any decrease next year. The expenditure during the year was \$13,030.15 as compared with \$13,128 in 1898."

At the Magistracy yesterday morning, before Mr. Gompertz, a compositor named To Tien, employed at the *Daily Press* Office, was charged with stealing a couple of pieces of a Chinese bank note. In reply to the charge he said: "I do not know what they are." Mr. A. Cunningham, manager of the *Daily Press* said that at about 11 o'clock on Saturday morning he went into the composing room, where the defendant was employed, and found him with two proofs of a note torn in his hand, the type "forn" being on the press before him. He was about to print the "background" of the note, the overseer was temporarily absent. He asked him what he was doing with the "forn" and the defendant made some sort of an evasive answer, saying he wanted to "look see." He asked him where he had got the "forn" from, and he said from the strong room. It would be a serious thing if the note were reproduced, the bank notes running up to \$100 each. Inspector Warnecke having given evidence of arrest His Worship sentenced the defendant to three months' hard labour, adding that he believed accused knew perfectly well that the notes related to a Chinese bank and had no doubt accused desired the proofs for a felonious purpose.

It has been announced that the steamers of the Norddeutscher Lloyd line have been forbidden by German authorities to bring fresh slaughtered meat and dairy products from Australia and China.

The Victoria Cross has been bestowed upon Major E. J. Phillips-Hornby, R.A., son of the late Admiral Sir Geoffrey T. Phillips-Hornby, for his gallant defence of the guns in the recent engagement at Samus Post, near Kooroo Jubilee.

A Washington telegram reports that Admiral Dewey's candidacy for a Presidential nomination has been gravely injured by the reversion of Mrs. Dewey from the Roman Catholic to the Protestant Episcopal communion, which she forsakes years ago. As a Roman Catholic she was more or less objectionable to the Protestant electors but as an apostate she has the aversion of the large Roman Catholic element in both parties.

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They reported on November 23rd that they had called for lump-sum tenders and that the lowest received was some 50 per cent in excess of their estimate.

The quantities were ready about the end of January and after much difficulty the result of the large amount of building going on in the colony and the consequent rise in prices, the Committee have at length obtained a reasonable tender and have entered into a contract for the erection of the Hospital on Barker Road.

The Committee have found it impossible owing to the rise in prices to proceed with the building of the Nursing Institute. They have reported this to Government and pointed out that as quarters will be provided at the new Hospital for a resident surgeon effected a saving of \$720 per annum, which if capitalised at 5 per cent, amounts to \$14,400, they hoped that the Government would obtain the permission of the Secretary of State to erect the Nursing Institute Wing and pay for it out of the revenues of the colony, in which case any available balance from the Hospital fund would be handed over for that purpose.

The financial position now stands as follows:—

Balanced credit of fund (31st March) \$10,197.22

Estimated accumulation of Interest on Fund during disbursement, say \$3,027.75

Total amount available, say \$10,691.99

Contracts for preparation of site and erection of Hospital and Quarters on Baker Road \$7,773.03

Goods to be obtained from England, say 10,000.00

Architects Commission and fees, say 5,500.00

Total amount to be expended 103,276.08

There will therefore be an estimated balance of some \$1,724 to cover further contingencies, an allowance of \$2,250 having been made for ordinary contingencies in the contract.

The work of preparing the site for the Hospital has been commenced and it is hoped that there will now be no further delay and that in due course this section of the scheme for commemorating Her Majesty's 60 years reign will be brought to a successful conclusion.

JUBILEE ROAD.

The Committee are pleased to report that the memorial to the Secretary of State has been practically successful, the following reply having been received:—

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S LETTER.

Hongkong, Colonial Secretary's Office.

7th April, 1900.

Sir,

With reference to the Colonial Secretary's letter No. 1,338, of the 3d of October last, I am directed to transmit to you for the information of the Jubilee Committee the enclosed copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies in answer to the Governor's despatch No. 274 of the 27th of September last, in which was forwarded the statement which you submitted on behalf of the Jubilee Committee under date of the 15th of this same month on the subject of the proposed construction of a road from Kennedy Town to Aberdeen.

The conditions upon which the Military Authorities are prepared to withdraw their objections to the road are as follows:—

(a) The road to follow generally the 150 ft. contour.

(b) The revetments on the seaward side of the road to form a 3 ft. parapet.

(c) The platforms over any nullahs the road may cross to be easily removable, and

(d) Projections to be formed at points suitable to serve as gun positions.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. H. MAY, C.M.G.

Acting Colonial Secretary.

&c. &c. &c.

ATTEMPTED MURDER AT SHAKIWIWAN.

ATTACKING HIS WIFE WITH A CHOPPER.

At the Magistracy yesterday a Chinese sitter named Chin On was charged with attempted murder. It appears that he has only recently arrived from Singapore and has been residing with his wife at Shakiwan. On being informed that his wife had been unfaithful to him during his absence his anger was aroused and he seems to have deliberately decided upon putting her to death. He accordingly purchased a wood-chopper with a sharp edge and at four o'clock on Sunday morning approached the bungalow in which his wife and another woman were sleeping, apparently, and without giving her any warning, began to smash her in the face with the chopper. The poor woman threw out her hands to save her face and got her arms cut in consequence. The other woman who did the same was also injured about the wrists. Finally the wife managed to get away from him and escaped out of the house. The husband followed, but not seeing her he made his way to the Shakiwan Police Station, where he made a report to Inspector Robertson. He said he had attempted to murder his wife, that she had escaped, but that he did not know whether she was dead or not. The man being greatly excited and covered with blood the Inspector accompanied him home. The wife was not there, but on going into the next house discovered her in a state of collapse, having lost a considerable quantity of blood. She was removed to the hospital, which it is not expected she will be able to leave before Friday.

When charged the prisoner, who speaks English, said: "Yes, my wife is a bad woman. I tried to kill her, but she is not dead yet."

At the Magistracy he said: "Yes, I tried to kill my wife. I thought this chopper specially for the purpose. I paid 25 cents for it."

He was remanded until Friday.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

The following is the result of the May shoot of the above company for the "Captain Potts" Cup. Gunner H. Gidley won his first win on this trophy. Best scores:

299 490 500 Hcp. Total
 vds. yds. yds.

2. Gunner H. Gidley 26 27 29 13 96

3. Sergeant Smith 26 29 22 8 95

4. Gunner Sheppard 22 23 22 17 89

5. Bomb. Glynn 24 22 22 21 87

6. Corp. Sherman 22 23 17 15 86

7. Gunner Bullock 25 32 23 Scratch 83

8. Winners of Spoons.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber at the Government Offices, there being present:

His EXCELLENCE the Acting Governor, Major-General GASCONE, C.M.G. (Commanding the Troops).

The Hon. F. H. MAX, C.M.G. (Acting Colonial Secretary).

Hon. W. MEIGH GOODMAN (Attorney-General).

Hon. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer).

Hon. E. D. ONSHY (Director of Public Works).

Hon. C. P. CHATER, C.M.G.

Hon. Dr. HO KAL.

Hon. H. C. NICOLLE.

Hon. A. W. BREWEN.

Hon. W. A. YUK.

Hon. J. J. KERWICK.

Mr. R. F. JOHNSTON (Acting Clerk of Council).

PAPERS.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table the reports of the Medical Officer of Health, the Sanitary Surveyor, the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon and the Registrar General for the year 1899; the Secretary of State's despatch with reference to the Governor's salary, and the final statement in respect of the £200,000 raised under Ordinance No. 2 of 1894.

FINANCIAL.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 8) and moved its adoption.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded and the motion was carried.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table Financial Minutiae No. 26, and proposed that it be referred to the Finance Committee.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded and the motion was carried.

SEARCHING FOR PLAGUE CASES.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY proposed: "That the amendment to Bye-law 23 of 1894 made under section 13 of Ordinance 15 of 1894, made by the Sanitary Board on the 17th day of May, 1900, be approved by this Council."

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS seconded.

The amended Bye-law empowers the search parties to commence their visitations at five o'clock in the morning instead of eight, and to continue them until 6 p.m., as heretofore.

The Hon. Dr. HO KAL—I beg to move as an amendment that this amended Bye-law be not approved, and that it be referred back to the Sanitary Board for further consideration. The Bye-law provided among other things that any officer of the Sanitary Board may visit any house between the hours of 5 a.m. and 6 p.m., and if he finds any person sick he can order his removal to the Hospital for examination by a properly qualified medical man, or he can detain the person in the house and get a medical man to examine him there. The old Bye-law, confining the house to between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., was severe enough. A visit from a search party composed of persons who were not properly qualified medical men, and the fact that they have to examine a patient to a certain extent to find out whether there is anything the matter with him or not, are enough to alarm anyone—not merely women and children, but even grown-up men. It is a source of great terror to a person to run the chance of being removed from the house to the hospital whether suffering from disease or not. It is quite possible for a person so terrified to develop in the course of a few days one of the very disease from which he is suspected to suffer. This has been such a case in the West Indies. The convicts who were perfectly healthy were told they were suspected of having yellow fever. They were accordingly removed to a perfectly clean hot and damp confined place, afterwards they developed symptoms of yellow fever and died, and when the post-mortem examination was made they were found to be suffering from yellow fever, and yet at the time there was no yellow fever in the locality. I do not know whether it has been proved, but it is the general impression that a great number of people have been frightened into plague through the visits of these search parties. When the visits are paid between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., a medical officer can easily be procured to examine any suspected case, because most people are up by 8 a.m. and there is someone who understands English about and who can explain matters. Thus if any wrong is committed it can easily be set right, but it will be different under the amended Bye-law. I venture to say that at five o'clock in morning 900 out of 1,000 people will be in bed, and not only the male population but the women and children. Imagine to yourselves the feelings of a man aroused in the early morning from a sound sleep by being summoned to open the door to admit a search party, who want to look into every nook and corner in the place and very likely examine the children, women and men, to see whether they had the fever or not. It is not merely a case of it is clean or not, but to see whether any person suffering from plague or any other disease, and this will cause the Chinese population of Hongkong much inconvenience and alarm that they would be far better away from here in a much hotter place than Hongkong. It seems to me that the plague would not make half as much mischief if the search parties under this amended Bye-law. On behalf of the Chinese community I cannot offer too strong an opposition to the amended Bye-law. So far as I can gather from the newspaper report of the Sanitary Board the reason for the amendment is that there are a certain number of dead bodies thrown into the streets. Some years ago, when General Black was Acting Governor, the same thing occurred, some 10 or 12 bodies being found in the streets daily. At that time a drastic measure was proposed by the Sanitary Board, namely to have all the bodies found in the street cremated. This naturally caused a great commotion among the Chinese, and I and my colleagues, the Hon. Wei A Yuk, were deputed by them to interview General Black. The remedy we proposed was that the Tung Wah Hospital should open a branch hospital at Kennedy Town and that the Chinese should be allowed to treat their own plague cases according to their own methods, having found out from them that their great objection to reporting plague cases was that they were not allowed to have their own medical treatment, and that they were removed to a European hospital where they were subjected to treatment of which they did not approve. When that branch hospital was opened by the kind permission of General Black, the number of dead bodies found in the street diminished, being reduced from 10 or 12 a day to one or two. This year a branch hospital has on our representation been opened in connection with Tung Wah Hospital, and circulars have been distributed among the power classes of Chinese telling them that they need not be afraid to report their cases, and that the Sanitary Board had relaxed a certain regulation to induce people to report cases of plague. For example, when a case of plague occurred in a

house it was usual to disinfect the whole house, and not merely the floor where the case occurred, but now if a case is reported only the floor occupied by the patient is disinfected. Previously the occupants of the other floors would subscribe to pay the expense of snuffing out their rooms disinfected, but by the relaxing of this regulation it is to the interest of the occupiers of the floors where there is no plague to report it. It is not the respectable classes among the Chinese who are to blame. When they report a case they can under certain conditions remove the patient from the colony, and it is the same with their dead, but the poorer classes cannot do this; hence their neglect to report cases. I can understand that to a certain extent, in a case like this the innocent must suffer with the guilty. But at the same time there is a maximum of suffering, and the fact that search parties would be going round at five o'clock in the morning would be so objectionable to the respectable classes among the Chinese that many of them would remove from the city.

The Hon. Wei A Yuk recommended the amendment.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY said on the table the report of the Medical Officer of Health, the Sanitary Surveyor, the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon and the Registrar General for the year 1899; the Secretary of State's despatch with reference to the Governor's salary, and the final statement in respect of the £200,000 raised under Ordinance No. 2 of 1894.

SEARCHING FOR PLAGUE CASES.

The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY proposed: "That the amendment to Bye-law 23 of 1894, made by the Sanitary Board on the 17th day of May, 1900, be approved by this Council."

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS seconded.

The amended Bye-law empowers the search parties to commence their visitations at five o'clock in the morning instead of eight, and to continue them until 6 p.m., as heretofore.

The motion was carried.

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The ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY said on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 8) and moved its adoption.

The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded and the motion was carried.

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The motion was then put and carried.

AMENDING THE STANDING ORDERS.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL gave notice that at the next meeting of the Council he would move a resolution amending the Standing Orders of the Council.

NATIONALISATION.

The Bill entitled on Ordinance for the nationalization of Loung Shek Chin, alias Leung Foon Man, alias Leung Kin was read a second time. It subsequently passed through the committee stage, and was read a third time and passed.

THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

ORDINANCE.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL proposed the second reading of the Bill entitled on Ordinance to further amend the Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance, 1897, and to repeal two sections of the Protection of Women and Girls Amendment Ordinance, 1898. He observed that this Bill in reality made a very slight alteration indeed in the law being contained in subsection 3 of section 2, which ran as follows:—

"In any proceedings under this section proof that any woman in such brothel is or was suffering from venereal disease shall be deemed sufficient evidence until the contrary is proved that she was or is in such brothel for the purpose of prostitution." The following were the objects and reasons of the Bill:—The object of this Ordinance is to make certain amendments in the Ordinance relating to the Protection of Women and Girls directed to be made by the Secretary of State. It seemed to me that the amendments of sections 3 and 9 of Ordinance No. 31 of 1899, so directed to be made could be effected most conveniently and simply by repealing those sections altogether, and substituting directly, in Ordinance No. 31 of 1897, amended sections containing the amendments desired; for sections 3 and 9 of Ordinance No. 31 of 1899 were, themselves, merely sections amending the Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance, 1897, and the amendment of amending sections sometimes tends to confusion. The only actual alterations in the law effected by this Ordinance are the addition of subsection (3) of section 2 to the previous two sub-sections, and the insertion of the words "generally or specially authorized" instead of the words "generally authorized," in the substituted section 3. All the rest of this Ordinance is simply a re-enactment of existing law.

The Bill passed through the committee stage and was read a third time and passed.

THE PENSIONS ORDINANCE.

The Council went in Committee on the bill entitled on Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law providing for the grant of pensions to the widow and orphans of deceased public officers.

The Bill passed through the Committee stage and was then read a third time and passed.

The Council then adjourned until Monday week.

MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was then held, the Acting Colonial Secretary presiding, and the following vote was agreed to:—

The following sums for expenses during the seven months, 1st June to 31st December, 1900, connected with a Land Court under the Royal Court (New Territories) Ordinance, 1900.

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The following is the Secretary of State's despatch with reference to the Governor's salary.

Downing Street,

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Sir,—Since my despatch No. 239 of the 8th December, 1899, was written, in which I authorised the increase of the Governor's Entertainment Allowance by \$3,000 a year, my attention has been drawn to the fact that the salary of the Governor is not equivalent to the full amount of \$5,000, which by the Governor's Pension Act (29 and 30 Vict. Cap. 113) is laid down as the minimum salary entitling a Governor to the highest rate of pension on retirement.

2. I have the honour to inform you that a Colony occupying the important position of Hongkong should pay its Governor a salary equivalent to \$5,000, and I have no doubt that the Legislative Council will readily agree to do so.

3. I would suggest that out of the total salary of \$5,000, \$200 should be regarded as the approximate equivalent of the present Entertainment Allowance of \$8,000. The Exchange Compensation Allowance at present received by the Governor will, of course, cease to be paid.

4. I have accordingly to recommend that you will lay these proposals before the Legislative Council, and that you will invite the Council to vote that the amount of \$5,000 be granted for the 1st January next.

5. The proposed that the Governor's salary should be reckoned in sterling and paid to him at the current rate of exchange is intended to meet the requirements of the Imperial Act above referred to. The same argument does not apply

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FR. BLUNCK,
Exporter of Real Hand-made Torchen Lace
in Silk, Linen and Cotton. Grasscloth and
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and Linen LACE Curtains made to
order; 17, Queen's Road, Central.

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F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,
Navy Contractors, Shipchandlers, Sail
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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
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chants.

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keepers, 17, Playa Central.

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AH-MEN, HING-CHEONG & CO.,
Tailors, Drapers and Outfitters, Queen's
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R. HAUGHTON & CO.,
Naval, Military and Court, 16, Queen's Road,
Opposite Kuhn's Curio Store.

HUNG YUEN,
Outfitters, Shirt Makers, Tailors, Hosier,
Drapers, 85, Queen's Road, Central.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
Queen's Road.

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Tailors, Gentlemen's Outfitters, Tailors
and Drapers. Chinese Silk of
all kinds; 50, & 52, Queen's Rd, Central.

YEE SANG FAI & CO.,
Outfitters, Piece Goods, Underwear, Shoes,
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D. S. DADY BURJOR, "LOS FILIPINOS,"
Importer of the Best Manila Cigars; 25,
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KRUUSE & CO.,
Wholesale and Retail Havana and Manila
Cigars, Egyptian Cigarettes, Dredges in
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and Calle Anlongue, Manila.

GOLD STORAGE

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED,
is not prepared to receive perishable pre-
visions for Cold Storage at EAST POINT at
Moderate Rates.

W.M. PARLANE,
Manager,
Hongkong, 17th February, 1899.

THE LIGHT OF THE FUTURE
EASTERN ACETYLENE LIGHTING
COMPANY, Head Office, 62a, Queen's
Road Central. Fixtures of every descrip-
tion for the ACETYLENE LIGHT at
lowest rates.

OUR PARIS LETTER.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT]

PARIS, 23rd April.

The French who still continue to follow the
South African war with avidity, conclude that
the campaign is now entering upon its guerrilla
phase. But guerrilla fights are not eternal, and
can be as much subdued by a system of safe
civil administration as by means of arms. The

French are little out of court, for their per-
sonal belief was, at the commencement, that the

British would be swept out of South Africa by

the innocent and unprepared Boers. The

difficulty is to catch the Boers. Those

who escape the enveloping tactics and traps
of Lord Roberts will like to fight another

day; the more he runs them in, the more there

will be to dispose of in a swarm. It is

gratifying to record that the fighting of

late display fewer casualties; that shows that

the British have learned something from

their enemy. Having cleared out the South

East of the Free State of Mosquito Com-
munes, Lord Roberts will be free to attack

the Transvaal. Thus, the movement will

be continued, until the rebels will be

unable to find a

safe haven in which to

refuge. The British will be

soon in control of the

country, and the Boers will be

driven into the sea or into

the interior. The

French are

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convinced that the

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VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & CO.	BIRTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL	BALLAARAT	Brit. str.	—	C. L. W. Föld	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 9th June, at Noon.
LONDON VIA SUZ CANAL	PATERCLUS	Brit. str.	Dickens	Nish	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 2nd June, at Noon.
LONDON VIA SUZ CANAL	AGAMEMNON	Brit. str.	—	M. H. F. Jackson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th June.
LONDON	ANTENOR	Brit. str.	—	Krobs	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th June.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	BENELAIC	Brit. str.	Gooch	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 9th June.
BREMEN VIA PORTS OF CALL	DIOMED	Brit. str.	—	P. Luhnschloss	MELCHERS & CO.	On 13th June.
MARSEILLES, HAIE & COPENHAGEN, VIA B. ROK	HAMBURG	Ger. str.	Negre	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at Noon.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA STRAITS, &c.	SALAZIC	Fren. str.	—	Prall	MELCHERS & CO.	On 4th June.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, V. SPOR, &c.	MALAYA	Dan. str.	—	F. L. Sommer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st June, at Daylight.
MARSEILLES & LONDON	HAKATA MARU	Jap. str.	N. Trent	N. Trent	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 13th June, at Daylight.
HAIE & HAMBURG	AWA MARU	Jap. str.	T. H. H. H. E. N. E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st June.
HAIKE & HAMBURG	SCOTIA	Brit. str.	Fuchs	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 6th June.	
HAIKE & HAMBURG	SAGINA	Ger. str.	G. Schmidt	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 23rd June.	
HAIKE & HAMBURG	SAMIA	Ger. str.	Proesch	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 6th July.	
HAIKE & HAMBURG	FREIBURG	Ger. str.	Hempel	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 17th July.	
HAIKE & HAMBURG	TITTENBERG	Ger. str.	Ostermann	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 29th June.	
HAIKE & HAMBURG	ASTORIA	Ger. str.	W. Franks	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	On 3rd June.	
HAIKE & HAMBURG	GEORGE	Brit. str.	J. W. Ekstrand	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th June, at 4 p.m.	
HAIKE & HAMBURG	EGYPTIAN MARU	Jap. str.	R. Archibald, E.N.R.	AMERICAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 6th June.	
HAIKE & HAMBURG	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	W. Watt	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	On 9th June.	
HAIKE & HAMBURG	BRASIL	Brit. str.	—	PACIFIC MAIL S. S. CO.	On 9th June.	
CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO	ANAR	Amer. str.	—	O. & O. S. S. CO.	On 19th June, at Noon.	
COPTIC	—	Brit. str.	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 31st Inst., at Noon.	
NIPPON MARU	BELGIAN KING	Jap. str.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st Inst., at 4 p.m.	
AIRLIE	—	Brit. str.	—	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 5th June, at Noon.	
TAIWAN	BOHILIA	Brit. str.	—	MELCHERS & CO.	On about 9th June.	
BOHILIA	HITALIA MARU	Jap. str.	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On about 13th June.	
—	GUTHRIE	Brit. str.	St. John George	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st June, at Daylight.	
MASAGAN	NANCHANG	Brit. str.	McArthur	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 31st Inst., at Noon.	
LAOS	—	Fren. str.	R. T. L. Cook, E.N.E.	N. & O. S. N. Co.	On 7th June.	
OLDENBURG	—	Ger. str.	Finlayson	MELCHERS & CO.	On about 20th June.	
MIKAWA MARU	—	Jap. str.	H. Frazer	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 31st Inst., at 4 p.m.	
BENGAL	—	Brit. str.	M. Takashashi	MELCHERS & CO.	On 5th June.	
HAIMING	—	Brit. str.	S. Bachman	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On about 9th June.	
ANPING MARU	—	Jap. str.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	TELLER, LIPPMANN & CO.	On 1st June.	
TANHUI MARU	—	Jap. str.	Douglas Lippman & Co.	On about 6th June.		
HALLOONG	—	Brit. str.	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	On 31st Inst., at 10 A.M.		
KAIFONG	—	Brit. str.	Bathurst	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight.	
SUNGKIAK	—	Brit. str.	Pennelat	Douglas Lippman & Co.	On 5th June, at Daylight.	
MENMUDE	—	Brit. str.	Moore	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 1st June.	
TAIYUAN	—	Brit. str.	R. W. Almond	SHEWAN, THOMES & CO.	On 5th June.	
KUMSANG	—	Brit. str.	Nelson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 8th June.	
INDIA	—	Aus. str.	Payne	JARDINE, MATHERSON & CO.	On 2nd June, at Noon.	
SHANTUNG	—	Brit. str.	A. Martinet	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 4th June, P.M.	
—	Quail	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th June.	

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
May 23, KWANTUNG, British str., 1,204t. Harris, Captain, 27th May, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
May 23, KWANTUNG, Chinese str., 1,241, C. Clements, Tewantin and Chester, 21st May, Cool and General.—CHINESE.
May 24, HATTING, French steamer, 750, Bast. Pakket and Houton, 27th May, General.—A. R. MAREY.
May 25, CLARA, German str., 675, Hansen, Huipheng, 24th May and Hoihow 27th, General.—JEBEN & CO.
May 25, ELSE, Gorham str., 900, T. Petersen, Chiefo 20th May, Beams—CHINESE.
May 25, MAZAGON, British str., 3,279, R. T. L. Cook, London 31st March and Singapore 23rd May, General.—P. & O. S. N. CO.
May 25, FOOKHANG, British str., 987, Anderson, Canton 28th May, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE
23RD MAY.
Troya, Norwegian str., for Chocho.
Kwangting, Chinese str., for Canton.
G. T. Hoy, British ship, for New York.
Elie, German str., for Canton.
Hanoi, French str., for Haiphong.
Kwangtung, British str., for Shanghai.
Decima, German str., for Chocho.

DEPARTURES.

BY ABERDEEN DOCK.—
KOWLOON DOCKS.—U.S.S. Monterey, W. H. Smith.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Independent, Devanport.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

THE OSAKI SHOSEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship.

"ANPING MARU."

Captain I. Sato, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 30th instant, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1900. [143]

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship.

"MENMUDE."

Captain R. W. Almond, will be despatched as above to MORENO, the 30th May, at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the excellent accommodation provided by this steamer.

She is fitted throughout with the Electric Light and is supplied with a Refrigerating Chamber.

A doctor is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, THOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1900. [153]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, ILIOILO AND CEBU.

THE Company's Steamship.

"KAIFONG."

Captain Pennelat, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 31st inst., at 4 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer.

The Vessel is fitted throughout with

Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1900. [153]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, ILIOILO AND CEBU.

THE Company's Steamship.

"ARMENIA."

Captain Ostermann, will be despatched for the above port on or about 29th June.

For Freight, apply to

CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1900. [142]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS. DESTINATIONS. SAILING DATES.

MIKAWA MARU M. Takahashi SHANGAI, CHEMULPO and NAGASAKI WEDNESDAY, 30th May.

HAKATA MARU F. L. Sonner MARESILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, VIA STRAITS, FRIDAY, 1st June, at COLOMBO & PORT SAID DAYLIGHT.

EIZOJIN MARU J. W. Ekstrand VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, U.S.A., VIA SHANGHAI, KOBE MONDAY, 4th June, at 4 P.M.

HITACHI MARU G. Anderson ROBE and YOKOHAMA, and MARESILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID WEDNESDAY, 13th June, at DAYLIGHT.

AWA MARU N. Trent

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada, and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailing, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at Princes Building, First Floor, Clater Road.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager, Hongkong, 28th May, 1900.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

EMPERESS OF CHINA. Comdr. R. Archibald, E.N.E. WEDNESDAY, 6th June, 1900.

EMPERESS OF INDIA. Comdr. O.P. Marshall, E.N.E. WEDNESDAY, 27th June, 1900.

EMPERESS OF JAPAN. Comdr. G. A. Lee, E.N.E. WEDNESDAY, 18th July, 1900.

THE magnificient TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER in 12 DAYS, via THREE DAYS & A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent from the PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates. Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

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The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS (second to none in the World), the LUXURIOUS OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARs and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unrivaled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder Street.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1900.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD (FREIGHT SERVICE).

HAMBURG-AMERIK LINE. (FREIGHT SERVICE).

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUB

VESSELS ON THE BERTH
BEN LINE OF STEAMERS
FOR LONDON.

The Steamship

BENALRIC.

Captain Krohle will be despatched as above on or about SATURDAY, the 9th June, for Freight or Passengers, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 19th May, 1900.

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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUS-
TRALIA, INDIA, AFRICA, EGYPT,
MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR
BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL
AND AMERICAN PORTS.

The Steamship

BALLAARAT.

Captain G. L. W. Field carrying Her Majesty's Mail will be despatched from this for Bengal on THURSDAY, the 9th June, 1900, at Noon, taking Passengers and cargo for the above ports. Ships and Vessels all cargo for France, and Tea for India (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, N. S. will be conveyed via Bombay with transhipment.

Packets will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shipowners are particularly requested to state the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to

A. M. MARSHALL,

Acting Superintendent, Hongkong, 28th May, 1900.

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OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES.MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH
AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:
NIPPON MARU (via)

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Thursday, May 31,

Kobe, Inland Sea Yo... 1900, at NOON.

Yokohama, and Honolulu.)

AMERICA MARU (via)

Shanghai, Nagasaki, TUESDAY, June 26,

Kobe, Inland Sea Yo... 1900, at NOON.

Yokohama, and Honolulu.)

HONOLULU MARU (via)

Shanghai, Nagasaki, SATURDAY, July 1,

Kobe, Inland Sea Yo... 1900, at NOON.

Yokohama, and Honolulu.)

THE Steamship **NIPPON MARU** will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCOVIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE,
INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONO-
LULU on THURSDAY, the 1st May, 1900,

at NOON, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the IN-
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONO-
LULU, and Passengers are allowed to break
their journey at any point en route.Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-
land, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic
lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of
the United States or Canada. Rates may be
obtained on application.Passengers holding through ORDERS TO
EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail
routes from San Francisco, including theSOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,
UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE,
and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also theCANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of
£4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND
CITIES in the United States have between

San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the

SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC,
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Queen's Building.VESSELS ON THE BERTH
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.STEAM FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI,
HIOGO, AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

OLDENBURG.OF THE NORDDEUTSCHE LLOYD.
Captain H. Prager due here with the outward
German Mail about the 30th inst., will leave for
the above places about 24 hours after arrival.

For Freight or Passengers, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents,

Hongkong, 19th May, 1900.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

NIKKYO MARU (via)

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Thursday, May 31,

Kobe, Inland Sea Yo... 1900, at NOON.

Yokohama, and Honolulu.)

AMERICA MARU (via)

Shanghai, Nagasaki, TUESDAY, June 26,

Kobe, Inland Sea Yo... 1900, at NOON.

Yokohama, and Honolulu.)

HONOLULU MARU (via)

Shanghai, Nagasaki, SATURDAY, July 1,

Kobe, Inland Sea Yo... 1900, at NOON.

Yokohama, and Honolulu.)

THE Steamship **NIKKYO MARU** will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCOVIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE,
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Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company,
Queen's Building.

C. L. GORHAM,

Acting Agent,

Hongkong, 10th May, 1900.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

KUMSANG.

Captain Payne will be despatched as above on

SATURDAY, 2nd June, at NOON.

For Freight or Passengers, apply to

JADEINE, MATTHEWS & CO.,

General Managers,

Hongkong, 26th May, 1900.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS—POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE

STEAM FOR

SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,

COLOMBO, FONDACHEY, MA-

DEAS, CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI,

EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITER-

RANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS,

LONDON, HAVRE, BOEDDEHA

PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

THE Company's Steamship

ANTENOR.

Captain M. H. F. Jackson will be despatched

as above on TUESDAY, the 25th June.

For Freight or Passengers, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents,

Hongkong, 18th May, 1900.

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NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS

IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS

IN CHINA AND JAPAN for the above Line

are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS

OF LADING for all the principal ports in

SOUTH ASIA, in connection with Indo-

CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s fortnightly

service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from

COPTIC PORTS every fortnight.

For Freight and further particulars,

apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

General Agents for China and Japan,

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO, AND

STRaits.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

CLYDE.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named

vessel are hereby informed that their goods

are being landed and placed at their risk in

the Hongkong and Keelung Wharf and Go-

down Company's Godowns at Keelung, where

such consignment will be sorted out Mark by

Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as

the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—

From Persian Gulf as *Pemba* and *Nesca*.

Optional goods will be landed here unless

instructions are given to the contrary before

1 P.M. TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 31st inst., at 4 p.m.

will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in

my case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Ostsee*, with the German Mail, left Singapore on Friday, the 25th instant, at 10 a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.
 The *Empress of China* with the Canadian Mail, left Shanghai on Sunday, the 27th instant, at 7.30 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.
 The *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with the American Mail, left Yokohama on Friday, the 25th instant, at daylight, and may be expected here or about Friday, the 1st proximo.
 The *Lus*, with the French Mail of the 4th ultimo, left Singapore on Monday, the 28th instant, at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 4th proximo. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 1st March.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	PER	DAY AND HOUR.
Haiphon	Ho.	Tuesday, 28th, 11.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Fokang	Tuesday, 29th, 2.00 P.M.
Macao	Hauchau	Tuesday, 29th, 1.15 P.M.
Manila, Ilobo and Cebu	Kinshau	Tuesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Amoy and Taiwan	Ayung-More	Tuesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow	Hakkoong	Wednesday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Chindalup and Nagasaki	Mikun-Mura	Wednesday, 30th, 10.00 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin	Herberg	Registration 10.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		(Registration with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.)
Macao	Hengchau	Letters, 11.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO	Nippon, Mori	Wednesday, 30th, 12.15 P.M.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		Thursday, 31st, Registration 10.00 A.M. (Registration with late fee of 10 cents up to 10.45 A.M.)
Macao	Heungchau	Letters, 11.00 A.M.
Macau and Whinchow	Scandau	Thursday, 31st, 12.15 P.M.
Manila	Singkang	Friday, 1st June, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Kumang	Saturday, 2nd June, 11.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin	Sabur	Mondays, 4th June, 9.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 12.10 to 12.30 P.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		Registration 11.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA and VANCOUVER, B.C.		11.30 A.M.
Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		(Registration with late fee of 10 cents up to 11.45 A.M.)
Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne	Taiyuan	Letters, 12.00 P.M.
		Friday, 3. June, 3.00 P.M.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.		
MONDAY, 28TH MAY.		
ON LONDON—	TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER	1311½
	Bank Bills, on demand	111½
	Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	111½
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	111½
	Credits at 4 months' sight	111½
	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2.00
ON PARIS—	Bank Bills, on demand	2.60
	Credits at 3 months' sight	2.50
ON GERMANY—	Bank Bills, on demand	2.00
	Credits at 3 months' sight	2.00
ON NEW YORK—	Bank Bills, on demand	472
	Credits, 60 days' sight	474
ON BOMBAY—	TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER	1581
	Bank, on demand	1463
ON CALCUTTA—	TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFER	1581
	Bank, on demand	1463
ON SHANGHAI—	Bank, at sight	71½
	Private, 30 days' sight	71½
ON YOKOHAMA—	Bank, on demand	31 p.c.p.m.
	On demand	24 p.c.p.m.
ON MANILA—	Bank, on demand	24 p.c.p.m.
ON SINGAPORE—	Bank, on demand	14 p.c.p.m.
ON BATAVIA—	Bank, on demand	1463
ON HAMPTON—	Bank, on demand	172
ON SAIGON—	Bank, on demand	24 p.c.p.m.
ON BANGKOK—	On demand	69
SOMERHILLS BANK'S BUYING RATE	GOLD LEAF 100 fine, per tael	16.13
	BAR SILVER, per oz.	275
	OPHIUM.	
Quotations are—	Allow on net, to Treaty.	
Malwa New	\$880 to —	per plent.
Malwa Old	\$890 to —	830
Malwa Older	\$890 to —	898
P. P. wrapped	\$870 to —	
Perkin's quality	\$870 to —	
Perkin extra fine	\$875 to —	
Petra New	\$892 to —	per chest.
Petra Old	\$876	
Bonars New	\$872	
Bonars Old	\$1030	
	NOTICE OF REMOVAL.	
THE OFFICES OF THE	HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.	
CHUNG NGOI SAN PO.	CHINCHIE & DIRECTORY.	
have this day been removed to	9, PRAYA CENTRAL.	
Entrance, East Line, recently Moses, Wosdt & Co's Offices, behind Masses, Shaw & Co's premises.	Hongkong 1st May, 1900.	
	NOTICE OF REMOVAL.	
THE HONGKONG TIMBER YARD	(established in 1852), has this day been removed from No. 65, Praya East, Marine Lot 100, to Inland Lot 1,500, BOVINGTON CANAL, near the Lexington Hill Road Bridge and opposite the Lee Suen Sugar Refinery.	
	L. MALLORY.	
Hongkong, 3rd May 1900.	1628	
	NOTICE OF REMOVAL.	
I HAVE this Day REMOVED my Residence from No. 65, Praya East, to No. 7, LEIGHTON HILL ROAD.	L. MALLORY.	
Hongkong, 16th May, 1900.	1501	
	CARTRIDGES.	
NOBEL'S SPORTING BALLISTITE.	Absolutely Smokeless and Water-resisting. THE BEST NITRO-POWDER IN THE WORLD.	
PRICE OF 12-HOLE CARTRIDGES—	Loaded with .303 Powder only, and 1 oz of shot.	
Primrose Cases ... \$5.65	\$7.40	
Pegnacold Cases ... 6.25	8.00	
Ejector Brass Cases 6.90	8.65	
3 per cent discount on orders of 1,000 and over.	Apply to	
W. SCHMIDT & CO., Gunmakers, Hongkong.		
Hongkong, 27th July, 1897.	112	

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

HONGKONG, 28TH MAY.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	ISSUE VALUE.	PAID UP.	LAST DIVIDEND.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
Banks.				30/- div. & 10/- bonus at 1/11/99 = \$23,531	325 p. ex. pr. = \$331.23
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$125	for 2nd half year '99	41.
Bank of China & Japan, Ltd.	100,875	25	44	None	45.50
Do. Deafend	1,250	21	41	2/8 for 1892	827
National Bank of China, Ltd.	10,470 A	210	48	2/8 for 1892 = \$1,303.00	227
Do. Foundations' Shares	7,500,148	21	21	None	820

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	ISSUE VALUE.	PAID UP.	LAST DIVIDEND.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
Marine Insurance.				30/- div. & 10/- bonus at 1/11/99 = \$23,531	325 p. ex. pr. = \$331.23
Union Iron Works, Ltd.	20,000	\$250	\$250	None	825, buyers
China Traders Ins. Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	10/- per cent. for 1892	864, sellers
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	5,000	210	205	1/- in all for 1892	715, Tis. 165
China Mutual S. X. Co., Ltd.	6,000	3100	3100	10/- per cent. for 1892	3121, sellers
Canion Insurance Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$20	5 per cent. for 1892	3130, buyers
Strata Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$100	\$20	5 per cent. for 1892	821

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The German Mail steamer *Ostsee*, carrying the German Mail with dates from Berlin of the 30th ultimo, left Singapore on Friday, the 25th instant, at 10 a.m., and maybe expected here tomorrow.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & G. steamer *Cigale* with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 11th ultimo.The P. M. steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 31st inst., via Honolulu, left Yokohama for this port this morning via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. E. steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Shanghai 6.30 a.m. on Sunday, the 27th instant, and left again at 7.30 p.m. for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive on Wednesday, 30th instant, at 9 a.m.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. steamer *Lutes*, with the next French Mail, left Singapore yesterday at 3 p.m. for this port via Saigon.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. & A. steamer *Australia*, from Sydney, &c., left Port Darwin on the 16th instant for Timor, Manila and this port.

MERCHANT SHIPS.

The N. Y. K. steamer *Hakata Maru* (Dovega Line) left Kobe via Mell for this port on the 27th instant, and is expected to arrive here on the 30th instant.The N. Y. K. steamer *Riojne Meru* (American Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 27th instant, and is expected to arrive here on the 30th instant.The N. G. I. steamer *Borneo* left Bombay for this port on the 21st instant, and is due here on or about the 25th proximo.The P. & O. steamer *Mazura* left Singapore for this port on the 23rd instant, and is due here on or about the 27th proximo.The P. & O. steamer *Goodwin* has arrived at Victoria-steam and sailed for Hongkong on the 24th inst.The N. P. steamer *Prudence* left Yokohama for Hongkong on the 25th instant.The P. & O. steamer *Centaur* left Singapore for this port on the 27th instant, at 8 a.m.

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